

## Clearing and Grading of Small Construction Sites

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This activity applies to you if you clear, grade or prepare land for construction. Stormwater runoff from cleared and graded construction sites can be loaded with suspended sediments and attached pollutants such as oils and greases, toxic hydrocarbon and herbicide compounds, heavy metals, and nutrients. Control of this runoff at the source can prevent large pollutant loadings from entering and degrading ~~ever harming~~ receiving waters. Prior to clearing, grading, and preparation activities for construction sites greater than 2,000~~5,000~~ square feet, the King County Department of Development and Environmental Services (DDES) must be contacted. You may need to follow the procedures for construction site erosion and sediment control outlined in the King County Surface Water Design Manual, Appendix D.

Note: King County DDES coordinates the clearing, grading, and erosion control requirements on individual sites. The King County Surface Water Design Manual ~~will continue to have~~ requirements for a chapter dedicated to required erosion and sediment control measures. Appendix D (Erosion and Sediment Control) outlines requirements that all sites must implement. The King County Surface Water Design Manual addresses small ~~projects~~site developments. The county uses the authority of K.C.C. 9.12 and this manual to develop erosion control requirements for those activities not covered by the King County Surface Water Design Manual.

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For more information or assistance in implementing these best management practices, contact the King County Department of Natural Resources and Parks Stormwater Services Section at 206-296-1900.

Reader Note: The above requirements are the minimum required BMPs. If these BMPs fail to prevent discharges to the storm drainage system you will be asked to take additional measures to correct the continued pollution discharges.